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# Neisseria sicca

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National Cancer Institute. *Neisseria sicca*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86608.

A species of aerobic, Gram-negative, cocci shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Proteobacteria. This species is catalase and oxidase positive, produces a grayish white pigment, utilizes glucose, maltose, fructose, and sucrose, but not mannose or lactose, reduces nitrite, but not nitrate, synthesizes polysaccharides, and spontaneously agglutinates in saline. *N. sicca* is found in the nasopharynx, saliva, and sputum of humans, but is also an opportunistic pathogen.